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# \$500,000 CLAIM FILED IN DEATH

### A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked Torrance residents if "there is any place other than the Los Angeles basin they would rather live."

Mrs. Elles Cook, 1625 Fern Ave.

"I like the Los Angeles area. I'm a native daughter and was born in Hemet. I left there at an early age and have lived in Torrance for 25 years."



Mrs. Jerry Saladin, 20909 La Salle Ave.

"I like Torrance. I think it's the most friendly place I've ever been in. I don't like the climate in Torrance, but I'd rather live here for the friendliness."



Mrs. Rudy Hanke, 22508 Iris Ave.

"I don't think I'd leave the Los Angeles basin. Where else can you find shopping centers like you do here? I'm from Michigan and I wouldn't go back on a bet."



Mrs. Eugene McGovern, 2428 Cabrillo Ave.

"I'm from New Jersey. I think most people come here to get out of the snow but I think the climate in New Jersey is healthier. I wouldn't live anywhere but Torrance, though."



Mrs. Robert Klaesges, 2713 Monterey St.

"I am from Minneapolis. I would like to go back if I could but we can't because of my husband's health. I like the change of seasons in Minneapolis. I think Torrance is a good place to raise your children."



### YMCA May Seek New Site Here

Tentative approval of a plan to acquire a building site for a future YMCA building in Torrance was voted by the board of managers of the group at a breakfast meeting during the week end. It was reported here yesterday.

Several possibilities are being considered, including that of removing the existing buildings on the property at Washington and Plaza Del Amo.

Current concern at the moment, however, is raising the funds to meet current operating costs. A Y spokesman said.

## City to Pay \$7,000 for Right of Way

Construction of Carson Street through the park in front of Torrance High School was scheduled to be resumed this week with the settlement Tuesday night of a dispute which had halted work a week ago.

An appropriation of \$7,000 to purchase title to the right of way was approved by the City Council Tuesday on the recommendation of Councilman Nick Draie.

Draie made the recommendation after reporting on the results of a meeting earlier with Donald Findley, president of Real Estate Management Co., who holds title to the park.

THE SETTLEMENT apparently ended a condemnation proceeding which had been filed by the city. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier last week advised the council that the city's position was precarious.

Without a negotiated settlement, Remelmeier said, the city was faced with an extended delay. It might take up to two years to settle the dispute, and should the city lose, it could be liable to pay up to \$40,000 for the land plus costs of the suit.

ON THE OTHER hand, the city could drop the suit and pay reasonable attorneys fees and court costs, he said.

Should the city win the suit, it would still be obligated to pay nominal costs for the right of way in addition to its costs in the matter, he explained.

In the meantime, work on alignment of Carson Street would be stalemated.

TUESDAY'S settlement came on a split vote of the council, and was approved only after George Vico switched to the affirmative side after the first

balloting ended in a deadlock. Councilman George Bradford, who is in Washington, D.C., with the Metropolitan Water District, was not at the meeting.

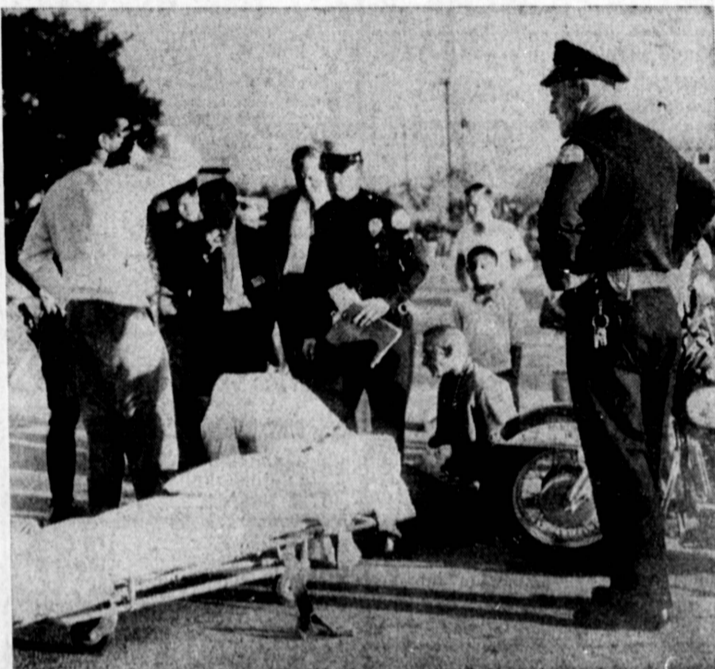
After ordering the contractor to proceed with the project, the councilmen approved the bid of the C. T. & F. firm to install traffic control signals at the new intersection for \$7,135.

IN OTHER action, the Council approved a request for variance to permit construction of a new sanctuary for the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection at 330 Palos Verdes Blvd. with a 57-foot height. Residents in the area had protested the height. Approval was on the condition that no other building may exceed the present height limit.

Recommendation of the League of California cities that the County Board of Supervisors adopt a new formula for distribution of Highway Users Tax Funds was endorsed by the council in a resolution.

THE RESOLUTION pointed out that the county now maintained only 26 per cent of the streets and roads, had only 15 per cent of the assessed valuation, and 18 per cent of the population. Of each 2 cents allocated to cities and counties, however, the county receives

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BICYCLE-CAR TANGLE . . . An ambulance attendant splints the leg of Gregory Lynn Mahin, 14, of 24820 Piteairn Way after his bicycle was struck by a car Tuesday morning at Newton and 242nd streets. The youth was on his way to South High School. (Herald Photo)

## Eight Injured in Area Crashes; None Critical

Eight persons, three of them bicyclists, were injured in Torrance this week.

A collision between two young bicyclists sent both riders with minor injuries to Little Company of Mary Hospital Sunday morning. The two youngsters, riding side by side, collided about 10:15 on Portola Avenue just south of Torrance Boulevard.

DAVID KITTLE, 11, of 1315

Arlington Ave., suffered bruises and cuts on his left hand and upper leg while the other bicyclist, Robert Halli Hanman, 12, of 1314½ Portola Ave., suffered bruises and cuts on his head, arms and legs.

In another bicycle accident, Gregory Lynn Mahin, 14, of 24820 Piteairn Way, suffered major injuries after his bicycle collided Tuesday morning with a car driven by Melvin Ray McElroy, 37, of 108 Via Mesa Grande, Hollywood Riviera.

THE BOY, who was on his way to South High School when the accident occurred, suffered injuries to his left leg and hip and loss of several teeth. The accident occurred about 8 at 242nd and Newton streets.

Gordon James Tilley, 16, of 1017 Kornblum Ave., was injured about 4 p.m. Saturday when his car turned over on Watson Avenue beside the Torrance High School auditorium. (Photos on Page 3)

One person was taken with minor injuries to Little Company of Mary Hospital Sunday afternoon after a collision between a panel truck and sedan in front of 4219 W. Artesia Blvd.

INJURED was Shirley Mae Pedersen, 34, passenger in the panel truck driven by Martin Kaye Pedersen, 48, both of 2311 W. 241st St., Lomita. The accident occurred when a sedan driven by Elbert Leon Mason, 27, Lawndale, collided with the rear of the panel truck, police said.

Driver and a passenger in his car went to a private physician Monday afternoon after a two-car collision at Artesia Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

SUFFERING MINOR injuries were the driver, Edward Peter Gosnell, 72, and his passenger, Ruth Gosnell, 71, both of Los Angeles. Driver of the other car involved was James John Serris Jr., 18, of 22107 Ravenna Ave.

Beverly Ann Chmiele, 28, passenger in a car driven by George Edward Chmiele, 31, both of Los Angeles, suffered minor injuries about 3:30 Sunday afternoon after their car collided with one driven by Lawrence Lagner, 24114 Eshelman Ave., Lomita. The accident occurred on Crenshaw Boulevard just south of 190th Street.

## Local Man Nabbed in Assault

Police arrested and booked Billy R. Smith of 21927 Harvard Ave. on charges of assault to commit rape after they staked out a laundromat early this week.

The laundromat, located at Western Avenue and 228th Street, was staked out by Harbor Division police after several offenses had been reported there.

Smith told police he had forced two women from the laundromat. Police said that more than one suspect may be molesting women at laundromats.

Several women, including two from Torrance, reported robberies at knife point last week in areas north of the city.

## Parents Seek Damages for Death of Son

A claim against the city for a total of \$500,000 has been filed with the city as the result of the death of a 4-year-old boy who fell from the Arlington Avenue bridge into the Dominguez Flood Control Channel last November.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Anongoes, 3404 W. 188th St.,

filed the claim, charging the city with negligence in the death of their son, Jules, who plunged from the bridge to his death last Nov. 6.

Asserting that the child was lawfully on the bridge, the couple charged that the city was negligent in that it failed to provide safeguards on the bridge.

THE BRIDGE was constructed last year by the County Flood Control District in conjunction with the improvement of the Dominguez Flood Control Channel.

Since the accident in November, the city has ordered erection of chain-link fencing along the bridges in the city, and this week received an allocation of funds from the County Board of Supervisors to help defray costs of the installation.

The claim filed with the city this week will be presented to the city council at next Tuesday's meeting.

Normal procedure is for the council to deny the claim outright.

## Airport Tower Slated to Go

### On Air Today

Operation of the new control tower at Torrance Municipal Airport was scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. today under the direction of Federal Aviation Agency. The tower will be operated from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily it was decided, according to Airport Manager Jack R. Egan.

Traffic control frequencies in effect today permit pilots to transmit on 118.1, 121.5, 121.9, 243.0 in the VHF range, and at 221 Kc. Receivers will operate on all the VHF ranges listed plus 122.5.

## SEVENTH GRADER WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS

Gregory De Castro, a seventh grader at St. Philomena School, emerged as the top carrier-salesman for the HERALD during the month of December. Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott announced yesterday.

Young De Castro delivers the HERALD to his customers on Route 37 near his home at 212 W. 226th Place.

While Gregory explains that his twin brother helps him with the deliveries some mornings, he assures his customers there will be no "double switching." The twins are different height and do not look alike, he said.

In addition to twin brother Jeffrey, Gregory has five other brothers and a sister, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard De Castro.

"Gregory has shown what an ambitious young HERALD newspaperboy can do with his route," Westcott said in making the announcement. Gregory will get a \$5 bonus for his selection.



GREGORY De CASTRO  
Carrier of the Month



DRIVERS CITED . . . Five Torrance Municipal Bus Lines drivers who took workers to Pasadena to decorate the city's entry in the New Year's Day parade, were cited Sunday by Bob Vroman (left), general chairman, and Margaret Clark, decorations chairman for the project. Drivers (from left) are Milo Gilbert, Harlan Williams, George Papae, William Muecke, and Walter Boskovich. (Herald Photo)

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